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ATLANTA, Jan. 31 – “Coretta Scott King, who for three decades stood in the place of her slain husband, Martin Luther King Jr., as a bright flame and firm voice of racial justice, died Monday night, her family announced Tuesday.” Washington Post (Photo from NBCSanDiego.com ; AP Image)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/01/31/AR2006013100462.html>

National African American History Month, 2006

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

“As we celebrate National African American History Month, we recognize the many contributions of African Americans to our country and reinforce our commitment to be a Nation of opportunity and hope for every citizen. Throughout our history, African Americans have courageously worn our Nation's uniform while defending peace and liberty around the globe. Patriots like Thurgood Marshall and Rosa Parks broke down racial barriers and inspired our Nation to make good on the promise of equal justice under law. Educators like Mary McLeod Bethune and Dr. Frederick Patterson transformed the academic world, with the goal of ensuring that every child has access to a good education. Athletes such as Jesse Owens and Wilma Rudolph and entertainers such as Ossie Davis and Ray Charles have brought pride and joy to generations of Americans. Today, the accomplishments of African Americans in every aspect of our society continue to encourage people to reach as far as their vision and dreams may take them.”

View full proclamation at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/01/20060127-4.html>

Commandant of the Marine Corps Message (CMC) Message (in part)

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“African American history month is celebrated each February to affirm, recognize and appreciate the rich heritage, struggles, achievements, progress and diversity of African Americans. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the founder of the association for the study of Afro-American life and history established the "Negro History Week" in 1926 as a mechanism for exploring the contributions of African Americans to society. Dr. Woodson chose the month of February to correspond to the respective birthdays of Frederick Douglass, a former slave and noted abolitionist, and Abraham Lincoln who signed the emancipation proclamation. During America's bicentennial celebration in 1976, the weeklong observance was expanded to include the entire month of February and was called "Black History Month" to provide more time for programs, observances and celebrations.”...

The Department of Defense theme, "Reaching Out To Youth: A Strategy For Excellence", reminds us of our responsibility to contribute as role models for the youth of our nation. As we commemorate the tremendous impact of African American contributions to our nation, we are especially appreciative of those who have served proudly as United States Marines... Commanders are encouraged to recognize the achievements of African Americans, military and civilian. Commanders are further encouraged to conduct programs and promote participation in observance events both on base and in the local community. Commanders are authorized to develop local themes for use at their commands.

Navy Personnel Command: *"Today there are more than 72,000 African Americans on active duty in the Navy, with thousands more serving proudly in the Naval Reserves. They work, train, lead and contribute every day in the finest tradition of the Heroes who preceded them. Indeed, they are writing new history."*

<http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/Diversity/CalendarDetails/AfricanAmericanHistory06.htm>

(Note: African American civilian employees in Southwest Region total 2,811, or 8.7% of our total workforce, above the commensurate Civilian Labor Force of 5.8%)

Other Websites and Information

Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI)

<https://www.patrick.af.mil/deomi/Observances%20&%20Demographics/observances.htm>

African American recipients of the Medal of Honor

http://homeofheroes.com/e-books/mohE_black/index.html

Black Historical Society of San Diego: *"Our goal is to provide a vehicle for preserving and promoting the contributions of African Americans in San Diego County through the creation of an African American historical museum and research facility; interpretive programs, special events and cultural tourism."*

http://www.blackhistoricalsociety.org/black_history_month.htm

"Established in 1915, we are the Founders of Black History Month and carry forth the work of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Black History. We continue his legacy of speaking a fundamental truth to the world--that Africans and peoples of African descent are makers of history and co-workers in what W. E. B. Du Bois called, "The Kingdom of Culture." ASALH's mission is to create and disseminate knowledge about Black History, to be, in short, the nexus between the Ivory Tower and the global public. We labor in the service of Black folks and all humanity."

<http://www.asalh.org/ThemeIntro.html>

The African American Registry is a nonprofit educational organization with the largest Black American History web site in the world! Presented are individual accounts that have shaped American society through the arts, business, education, entertainment, literature, military, politics, religion, sports and more.

<http://www.aaregistry.com/>

For a Black History Month Timeline from 1619 to 2000, plus links to local events, resources, history and culture, visit NBCSan Diego.com:

<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/blackhistory/>

Schools, churches, libraries, bookstores, community and professional organizations, and interested citizens are urged to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month by hosting and coordinating Read-Ins in their communities. Hosting a Read-In can be as simple as bringing together friends to share a book, or as elaborate as arranging public readings and media presentations that feature professional African American writers.

<http://www.ncte.org/prog/readin/107901.htm>

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. NAVBASE SAN DIEGO INVITES ALL SHIPS, TENANT
COMMANDS AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY
MONTH CELEBRATION ON TUESDAY, 14 FEB 06 AT 1000 IN THE BASE THEATER
BLDG 71. THE FEATURED CELEBRITY GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE FORMER NFL
RUNNING BACK FOOTBALL STAR JOHN BROCKINGTON OF THE GREEN BAY
PACKERS. ALL HANDS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ON WHAT PROMISES TO BE AN
EXTRAORDINARY EVENT.//

Check local listings for additional events in your area.

Oxnard area: <http://www.oxnardpacc.com/monthly.html>

Long Beach/Seal Beach area: <http://www.longbeach.gov/cals/default.asp#top>

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